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Benjamin Cuyp (1612 - 1652), The Conversion Of Saint Paul



16 000 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting on wood

Description

Benjamin Gerritsz. Cuyp

Dutch painter

Dordrecht 1612 - 1652 Dordrecht

The conversion of Saul on his way to Damascus

Oil on panel : 86,3 X 104,6 cm

Unsigned

Frame : 105,8 X 125,0 cm

Our painting is registered at the RKD, The Hague
under the number 0000140231.

On his way to Damascus, Saul, a cruel persecutor
of Early Christians, had a vision: a divine light
blew him from his horse and turned him blind,
while he was able to converse with God. Saul
converted to Christianity, and became one its
most important early leaders: he is known as

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Saint Paul or Paul the Apostle. Although he never met Jesus he is called the thirteenth Apostle.

Benjamin Cuyp, who belonged to an important family of 17th century painters from Dordrecht, was strongly influenced by Rembrandt. He died already before turning 40.

Cuyp's austere approach of our subject is rather unique: Saul and his military escort are painted against an ochre background, as if amidst a desert storm, where you see no houses, trees or landscape; this enhances our emotional experience of what happened to them.

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